

Minutes



To: All Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee (ISSC); Chief Executive, Chief Officers, All officers named for 'actions'

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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY IMPACT OF SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE (ISSC) THURSDAY 12 JULY 2018

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

J Billing (*substituting for R Mills*); E H Buckmaster (*substituting for R H Smith*); K M Hastrick, I M Reay (Chairman), J A West

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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Upon consideration of the agenda for the Overview and Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee (ISSC) meeting held on 12 July 2018 as circulated, copy annexed, conclusions were reached and are recorded below:

Note: No conflicts of interest were declared by any member of the Cabinet Panel in relation to the matters on which conclusions were reached at this meeting.

PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS]

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 25 April 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS: CRIME & DISORDER : DOMESTIC ABUSE TOPIC GROUP (DECEMBER 2017)

Officer Contact: Helen Gledhill – Strategic Partner - Domestic Abuse (Tel: 01438 843617)

2.1 Members received an update on the developments and progress that had occurred since the topic group had been held.

2.2 In relation to recommendation 2.1 the sub-committee was pleased to learn that ten multi-agency Domestic Abuse Champions had been identified across the county

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- 2.3 During discussion, it was noted that work continued to involve and recruit GPs as Domestic Abuse Champions, as currently only one GP in Stevenage had signed up to this.
- 2.4 It was noted that GPs within Hertfordshire would soon be using the IRIS database, which was used by GPs in other counties to record incidents of domestic abuse.
- 2.5 Members agreed that given the work with GPs was ongoing and developing, they were not able to sign off recommendation 2.1 at this time. It was agreed that this recommendation would return to ISSC at its next scheduled meeting. It was anticipated that this would provide sufficient time for additional activity toward implementing the recommendation.
- 2.6 Members learnt that 304 staff from Adult Care Services had attended domestic abuse training, and the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board had identified domestic abuse as a priority for 2018/19.
- 2.7 The sub-committee signed off recommendation 2.2 as complete.
- 2.8 It was noted that work is continuing to provide support services for medium and standard risk visiting of domestic abuse.
- 2.9 Members signed off recommendation 2.3 as complete.
- 2.10 The sub-committee received assurance that as well as working within the hospitals within the county, Independent Domestic Violence Officers (IDVAs) work in cross border hospitals and the non-acute trusts within the county, thus ensuring sufficient cover.
- 2.11 Members signed off recommendation 2.4 as complete.
- 2.12 The sub-committee discussed the requirement for perpetrator support programmes, and noted the importance in ensuring that there was a balance to be had between work streams in prevention of domestic abuse incidents and work in cessation of domestic abuse incidents.
- 2.13 Members learnt that there is not currently a county-wide perpetrator programme, although options for this were currently being explored with the view to these being implemented in Spring 2019.
- 2.14 As a perpetrator programme was not yet in existence members would not be able to sign off recommendation 2.5. In discussion with the lead officer it was agreed that this recommendation would return to a future meeting of the Impact of Scrutiny sub-committee in late 2019. This would allow time for a perpetrator programme to

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be developed and implemented.

2.15 **CONCLUSION:**

Members signed off recommendations 2.2 to 2.4 as complete.

2.16 Members agreed that given the work with GPs was ongoing and developing, they were not able to sign off recommendation 2.1 fully at this time. It was therefore agreed that this would return to the Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee at its next scheduled meeting when further work and developments had been achieved. Date to be confirmed with the lead officer and executive member.

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2.17 Members agreed that as a perpetrator programme was not yet in existence then they would not be able to sign off recommendation 2.5. It was agreed that this recommendation would return to a future meeting of the Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee in late 2019. This would allow time for a perpetrator programme to be developed and implemented. Date to be confirmed with the lead officer and executive member.

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3. RECOMMENDATIONS: RESILIENCE: HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN TOPIC GROUP (DECEMBER 2017)

Officer Contact: Darren McLatchey - Community Protection Manager

3.1 Members received an update on the developments and progress that had occurred since the topic group had been held.

3.2 Members were pleased to note that the Resilience department had completed the full review of training, and were now developing the packages for roll out throughout 2018/19.

3.3 Members signed off recommendation 2.1 as complete.

3.4 Members were advised that Resilience Direct is fully embedded, and holds the contact details of all internal and external people who have a resilience role.

3.5 The sub-committee signed off recommendation 2.2 and 2.3 as complete.

3.6 In response to a Member question it was agreed that the existing Member resilience guidance would be circulated to all members to ensure that all Members were refreshed with the requirements and

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expectations of them in the event of an incident.

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- 3.7 In addition, Members received assurance that the updated Member resilience guidance would be discussed as part of the wider remit of the next Topic Group on resilience, focusing on county-wide resilience, scheduled to be held in Autumn 2018.

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- 3.7 Members signed recommendations 2.4 and 2.5 as complete.

CONCLUSION:

- 3.8 Members signed off all recommendations of the Resilience-Hertfordshire's Business Continuity Plan as complete.

4. FORWARD PLAN

- 4.1 The sub-committee considered the forward plan for the meeting, outlining forthcoming topic groups whose recommendations were scheduled to be discussed at forthcoming meetings of the Overview & Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee and the Health Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee.

- 4.2 Members agreed that due to the scheduling pattern of future topic groups, the next scheduled meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee and the Health Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee would not have any items to discuss.

- 4.3 Members therefore agreed that the Overview & Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee and the Health Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee scheduled for 4 October 2018 should be cancelled due to lack of business.

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7. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

- 7.1 Members noted the date of the next meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee would be 7 December 2018.

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